



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Potato Harvest Almost Finished

Agricultural Summary

For the week ending October 18, average weekly temperatures ranged from eight degrees below to six degrees above normal. All weather stations reported moisture. Major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, planting winter wheat, and harvesting potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicate topsoil moisture to be 0% very short, 25% short, 70% adequate, and 5% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Cool temperatures and muddy fields continued to slow harvest in some locations. The Cassia County extension office reported that moisture has stranded hay and beans in some fields. The Power County extension office reports that the potato harvest should be complete next week in that area. Winter wheat planting and emergence is 85 and 48 percent complete, respectively. Potato and sugarbeet harvest is 91 and 43 percent complete, respectively.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No livestock problems were reported. The Caribou extension office reports that cattle are beginning to come off range. The fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 73 percent complete.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2009	2008	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	96	79	93
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	11	21	28
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	73	87	92
Apples Harvested	40	69	84

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	1	15	27	50	7
Winter Wheat	0	1	11	79	9
Irr. Water Supply	0	1	8	74	17

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	82	81	85	77	98	94	82	80	82	93	95	93	85	87	88
Emerged	38	5	18	52	79	67	36	53	51	66	72	64	48	40	42
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	21	12	21	48	14	34	45	37	43	43	18	33
Potato															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	98	99	93	89	85	90	86	85	91	87	86

Avg (2004 – 2008); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 18, 2009 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	64	18	43	-8	0.95	0.62	12.24	0.63	3958	2230	49
Grangeville	74	20	48	2	0.18	-0.24	14.73	-1.75	3828	2123	502
Lewiston	75	26	52	-2	0.27	0.06	5.91	-1.61	5306	3298	411
Porthill	63	14	39	-6	0.65	0.37	12.33	1.69	3567	1905	249
Winchester	70	14	48	3	0.17	-0.25	12.76	-2.94	3153	1597	494
Southwest											
Boise	78	29	56	5	0.31	0.17	9.43	3.07	4912	2942	188
Emmett	74	30	52	1	0.48	0.31	7.96	1.63	4816	2910	276
Glenns Ferry	77	29	55	4	0.33	0.19	11.54	6.66	4860	2941	281
Grandview	79	26	54	3	0.01	-0.06	4.51	0.33	4832	2879	-49
Nampa	75	29	54	3	0.23	0.09	4.71	-0.78	4840	2884	127
Parma	75	29	53	4	0.35	0.21	4.74	-1.24	4977	2993	428
South Central											
Fairfield	70	19	47	2	0.40	0.26	9.69	2.67	2932	1379	-95
Malta	74	20	51	3	0.05	-0.09	8.79	1.15	3701	1966	-84
Picabo	73	19	49	4	0.53	0.39	9.82	3.30	3586	1965	363
Rupert	73	26	52	5	0.19	0.05	6.58	0.97	3871	2121	18
Twin Falls	75	28	54	6	0.04	-0.10	7.39	1.66	4204	2381	373
East											
Aberdeen	71	23	50	6	0.30	0.14	8.80	2.80	3638	1943	190
Ashton	68	24	47	4	0.58	0.30	12.05	0.50	2918	1344	-2
Fort Hall	72	22	51	5	0.26	0.05	10.03	2.24	3653	1958	-38
Idaho Falls	70	23	48	4	0.15	0.00	8.71	1.65	3754	2017	160
Lava Hot Springs	69	26	47	-1	0.34	0.13	12.69	5.32	3531	1857	-139
Montevieu	68	16	47	3	0.10	-0.03	6.66	0.07	3196	1575	-166
Preston	73	32	52	5	0.21	0.00	11.65	2.25	3990	2188	86
Rexburg	70	22	49	5	0.15	-0.05	9.74	1.08	3132	1496	55

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.